

Rolla Clymer correspondence

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This series of the Rolla Clymer collection includes sent and received correspondence arranged chronologically beginning in 1909. With few exceptions, the correspondence provides a continuous and very complete view of his activities. Much of the earliest correspondence in the Clymer collection pertains to information about the College of Emporia for the period Clymer was a student there. Scattered throughout the remainder of the correspondence is information about Emporia athletics and alumni activities and letters with former classmates. From 1914 to 1918, Clymer was editor and manager of the Olathe, Kansas, Register. In 1918, Rolla Clymer moved his young family to El Dorado, Kansas, where he became editor and manager of the El Dorado Republican. Except for a six month hiatus in 1937 as editor and manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Clymer served the remainder of his professional career in El Dorado.

In his later years, Clymer devoted much of his time to efforts to preserve the Kansas Flint Hills region which he dearly loved. In addition to newspaper editorials, he wrote and published numerous widely circulated articles and poems about the Flint Hills. Perhaps his best known tribute was his poem "Majesty of the Hills," which helped earn him the designation as Poet Laureate of the Flint Hills. Rolla Clymer died on June 4, 1977, having been the editor of the El Dorado Times for fifty-nine years. For a complete contents list of the Rolla Clymer collection, see the External Links below.

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ATTENTION OF

R. J. Henderson

El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

Attention: Mr. R. A. Clymer

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April thirteenth relative to emergency charge of \$18.67 paid by you to the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company on the car of Newsprint just received from us, effective February 10 in Western Trunk Line Tariff 169-K, the emergency charge on Newsprint Paper was cancelled. Evidently your local agent overlooked this fact when taking this waybill into account, but if you will call his attention to it he will without doubt make prompt refund of this overcharge.

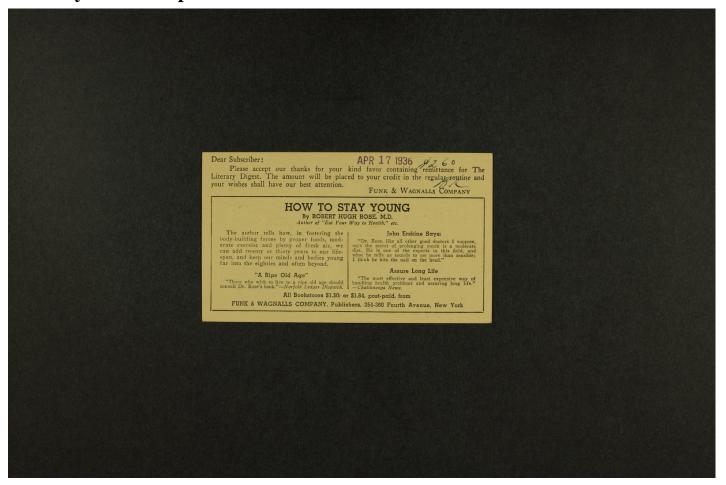
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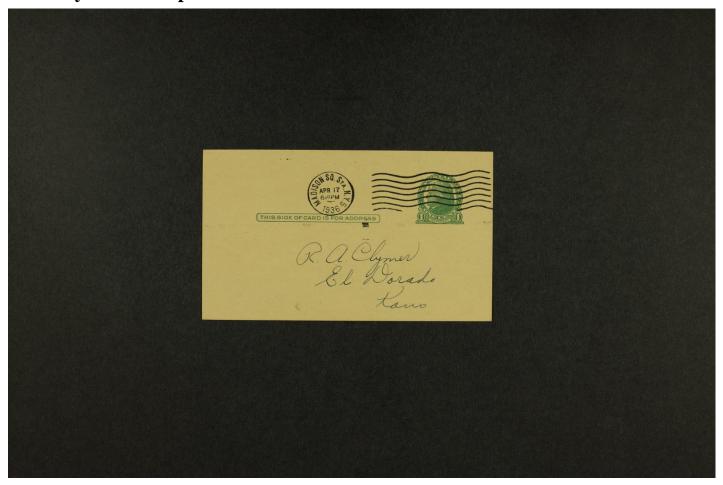
R. J Henderson Director of Traffic

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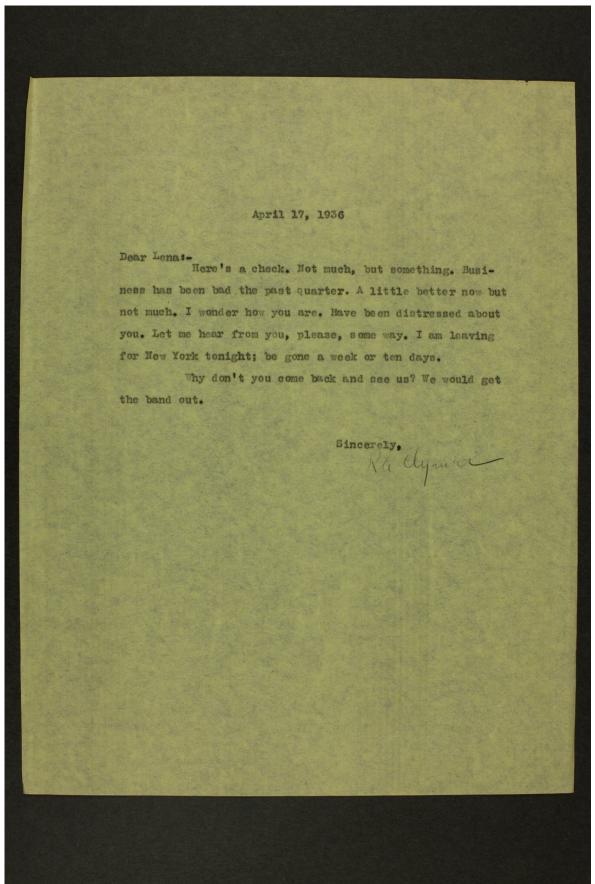




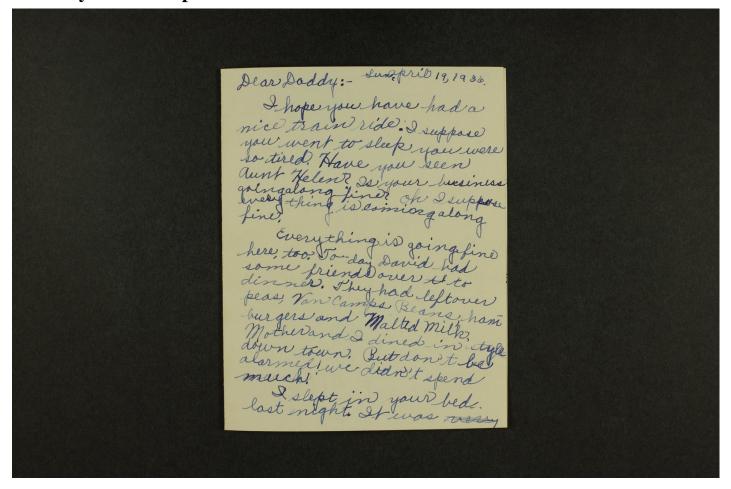




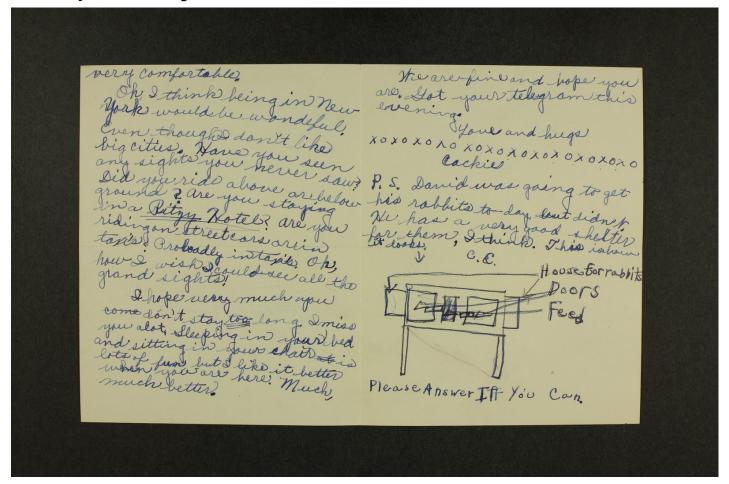




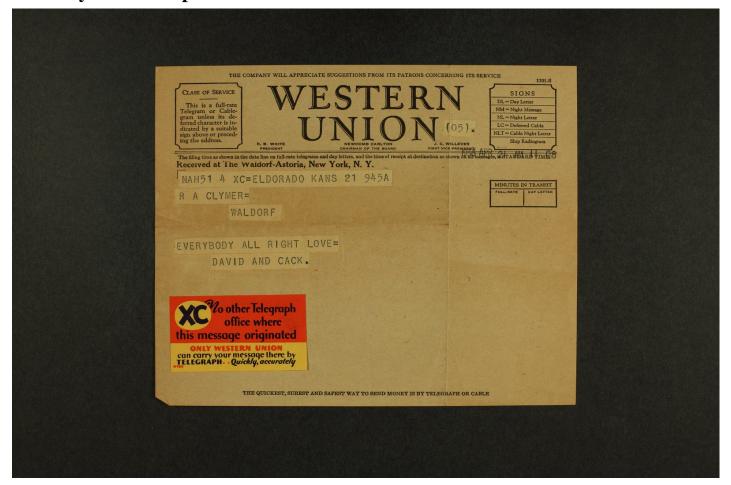




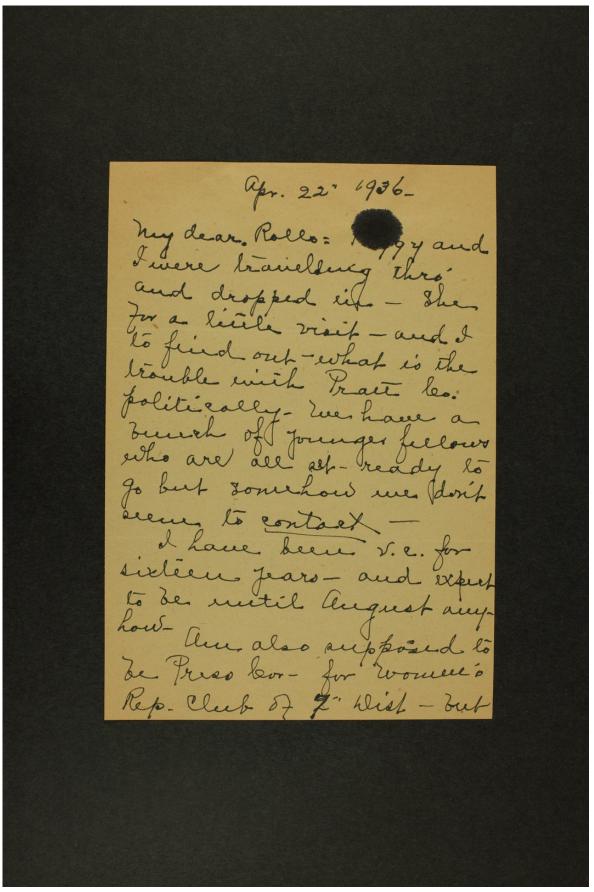




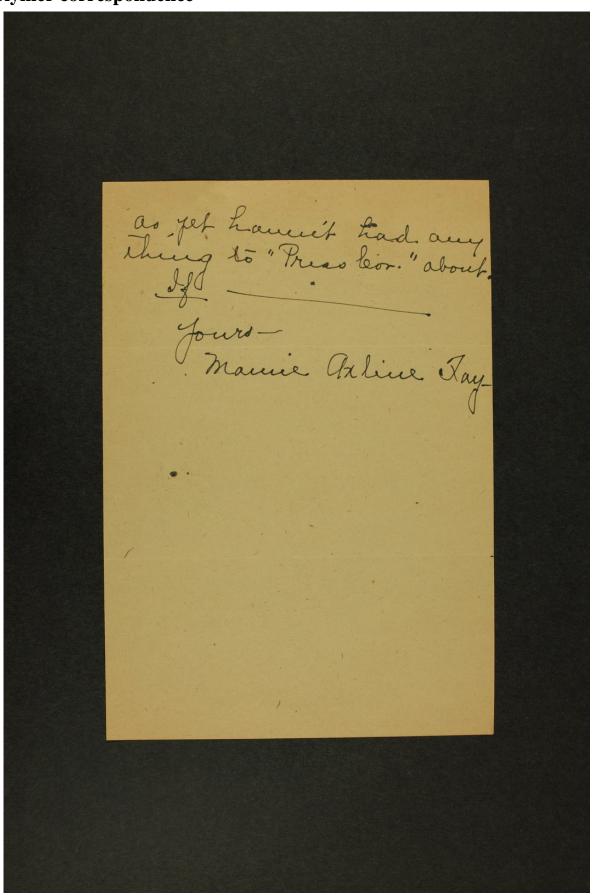














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HAL C. SMITH
OIL INVESTMENTS
ERIS THEATER BLDG
EL DORADO, KANSAS

April 24, 1936.

Masters Rolla Clymer, and Charles Warren,

El Dorado, Kansas.

Young Gentlemen:

It appears that you lads have been loudly boasting in public places, that you can defeat at the ancient and honorable game of golf, any other two whose combined ages are ninety years or more.

Ordinarily, no attention would be given to such childish prattle, as it is undoubtedly caused by the ignorance and arrogance of youth. However, due to the unwarranted publicity given to your chatter, a meeting was held by the grown men of the Country Club, and the undersigned were selected by lot, to administer a sound drubbing to you lads, at such time and place as may be convenient. This punishment was decided upon, not only as a corrective measure to you personally, but as a warning to the rising generation in general.

For your information, will say that we are both, free, white, and of legal age; our combined years exceeding yours by prehaps a score. It has been suggested, that to make your punishment slightly financial, as well as physical, that the loosers of this match provide and pay for a dinner for the four; or in case your mammas think best to be with you, out so late at night; we of course, would be accompanied by our wives.

We trust, young gentlemen, you will understand we have no personal feelings in this affair. As stated previously, we were simply selected by lot from among the adult members of the club, any of whom could probably perform this duty in a more efficient manner than we. Awaiting your pleasure, we are.

Harry R Martin

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

383 Madison Avenue, New York

April 24, 1936

Mr. R. A. Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Because the trend seems to be in that direction, we have been thinking about producing, through the feature service, a weekly news review page, illustrated and in mat form. How does the idea strike you?

The page would be matted whole, probably made up and rolled in New York Thursday night or Friday morning. It would be available for publication Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Air express collect at a probable cost of about 85 cents weekly would be used where such dispatch would benefit and the member authorized the additional expense.

We haven't worked out an assessment schedule, but the cost would be around \$5.00 a week. Many papers are making their own pages now, and this would enable them to make a big saving in composition, besides providing an outstanding feature. You can be sure it would be a good job.

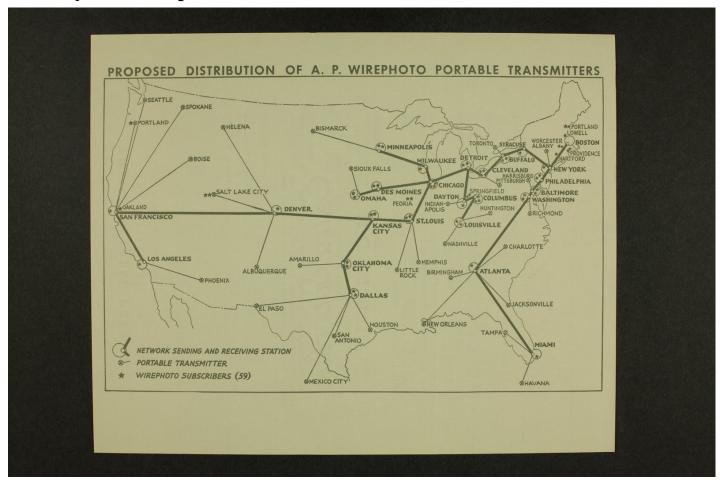
There would be a gap of a day, perhaps two, between mailing and publication, but if transcendental news warranted, that could be bridged in your own office by cutting out a part of the stereotype and inserting your own type. The makeup of the page would permit the use of advertising if desired.

Of course, all this is tentative, but we should like to know whether it appeals to you.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD STANLEY







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E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY

NEW YORK 500 Fifth Avenue April 24th, 1936

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I believe it will be to our mutual advantage to discontinue our existing business relations. Neither of us derives any pleasure out of it and certainly I have no desire to have further quarrel with you.

Your consent is necessary to a cancellation of our contract and I have no doubt that you will promptly give it.

I have expressed regret at the hurt I gave you. I explained that it was not intentional and I agreed that my letter was lacking in tact. I went as far as a decent man could go to convince you of that regret, and to assure you of my desire to regain and retain your friendship. I condone your behavior at our dinner. You were not yourself and I know that in your heart you too are sorry for you are a gentleman and a man of principle and integrity.

If you will signify your willingness to cancel our contract we will carry on until you have opportunity to make a connection elsewhere. Then we will cooperate with your new representative in every way so that no possible loss to your paper ensues.

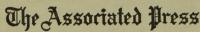
I bear you no ill-will. I know that if you were cold sober last Wednesday night you could not have behaved as you did.

Sincerely, JKKady

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO.
POST-TRIBUNE BUILDING

April 24, 1936

Mr. R. A. Clymer El Dorado Times El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

I should like to become a member of your editorial staff as a desk or street man.

I am 25, married, and have had five years experience with the Associated Press both as a writer and editor, in addition to two years as telegraph editor of the Jefferson City Post-Tribune.

My experience has been varied, having handled all general types of news, particularly courthouse, city hall and sports.

While I am satisfied with my present connection, I am seeking a more direct contact with newspaper work and believe your newspaper offers the opportunities I am looking for.

As to my ability and character, I gladly refer you to C. H. Kline, Division News Editor of the Associated Press, Kansas City.

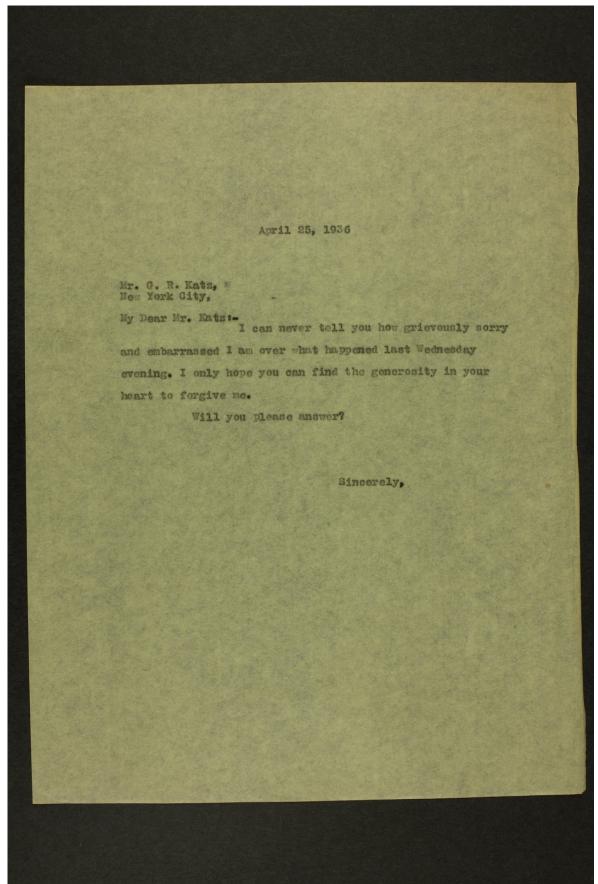
Starting salary is secondary with the promise of more money when I merit it.

I am available with two weeks notice to my present employer.

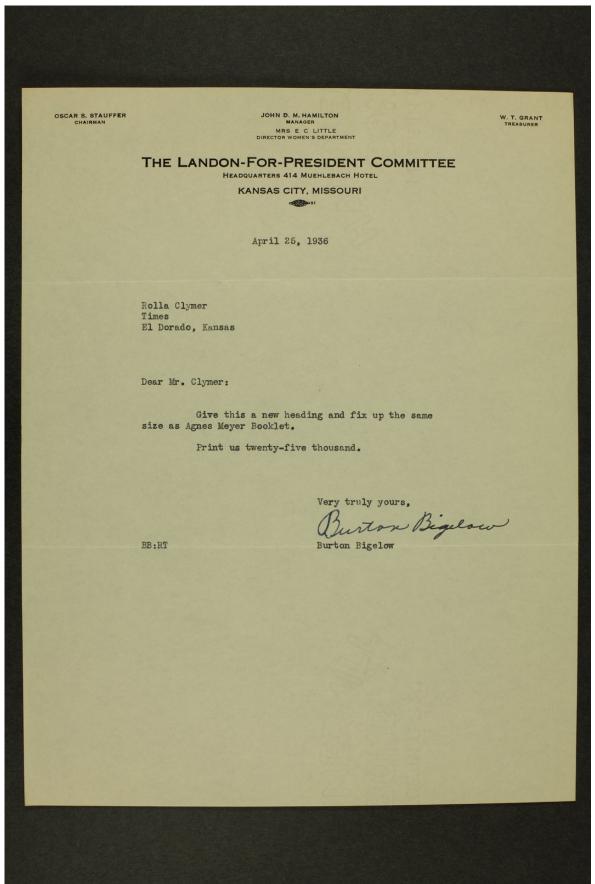
Sincerely yours, alker W Bents

Albert W. Bentz Associated Press Tribune Bldg. Jefferson City, Mo.











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April 27, 1936

Mr. G. R. Katz, New York City

My Dear Mr. Katz:
I want to thank you first for the considerate spirit you have shown in your letter of April 24, which passed mine in the mails. It is the kind of broad-gauged attitude I have learned to expect from you.

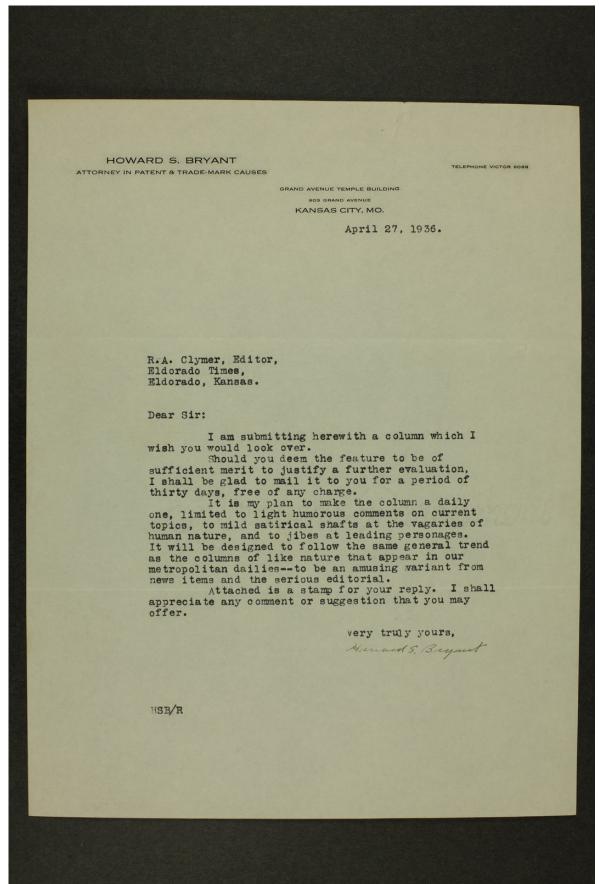
Unless you insist upon it, I would rather not cancel our contract at this time. I did desire to talk to you in New York and should have done so when I was at your office. I have no ill feeling toward you or any member of your fine organization. I have been proud to have my paper a member of the Katz family all these years. If we leave you for some other representatives I would much prefer to do it when I am personally not under a cloud. I am hoping that you may be West in the next few months. If so, I will make a sacrifice to meet you wherever it is convenient for you, and discuss our situation. I assure you that I will meet you on friendly grounds with something of the fairness which you are generous enough to say you think is my natural state.

Personal concerns drove me to what I did in New York but I can never apologize enough for my behavior there. I am suffering most abjectly on that account.

I shall appreciate your consideration of my suggestion in the second paragraph of this letter.

Sincerely,







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GILMORE N. NUNN General Manager

PAMPA DAILY NEWS

EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SATURDAY, AND ON SUNDAY MORNING

P. O. BOX 901 - PAMPA, TEXAS

April 28th. 1936

Dear Postmaster:

Arrangements have been made to pay a Tribute to the Hon. James A. Farley, Postmaster General of the United States in recognition of his successful administration of the Post Office Department.

An engraving is now being prepared which will be reproduced on parchment (size 16 x 21 inches) to be handsomely framed and to be presented to him on June 6th. 1936.

At the top will appear an excellent photo likeness of General Farley---Undernoath the photo the wording---Congratulations to James A. Farley, Postmaster General of the United States--- On His Great and Patriotic Achievement in Eliminating the Deficit in the Vast Department of Government of Which He is the Head.

Underneath the above congratulatory message will appear a fine Tribute to his wonderful executive ability, written by one of the Southwest's foremost writers.

Underneath the tribute will appear the following-"Greetings, Mr. Farley, and Felicitations, On The Record You Have Lade" and below this line the names of Postmasters will be inscribed who are sponsors of this Tribute.

You are invited to participate and to have your name inscribed as one of the sponsors.

With your acceptance, please send in your check payable to Pampa Daily News, to the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to assist in defraying the cost.

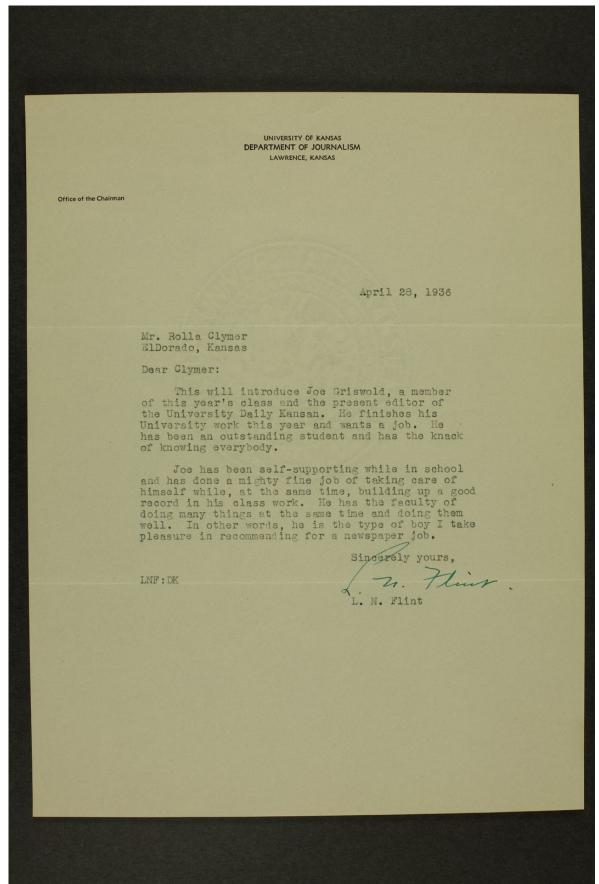
Yours sincerely

PAMPA DAILY NEWS Gilmore N. Nunn General Manager

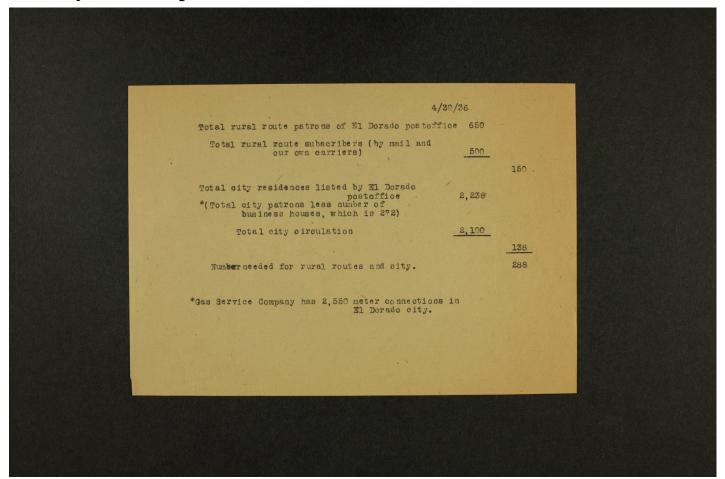
Please Note

Names cannot be inserted after May 23rd. so if you wish your name included along with other Postmasters, send in your check promptly-- Lest you forget Do It To-Day.











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E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY

NEW YORK 500 Fifth Avenue April 30th, 1936

Mr. Rolla A. Clymer, The El Dorado Times, El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Rolla:

I have your letter of the 25th inst. which crossed mine to you. I also have yours of the 27th.

Suppose we forget this whole business from start to finish and start all over again.

There is no use of your seeing me for I don't believe it is going to be wise to dig up any part of the past. Let us bury it and see if from here on we can't get along in amity and accord.

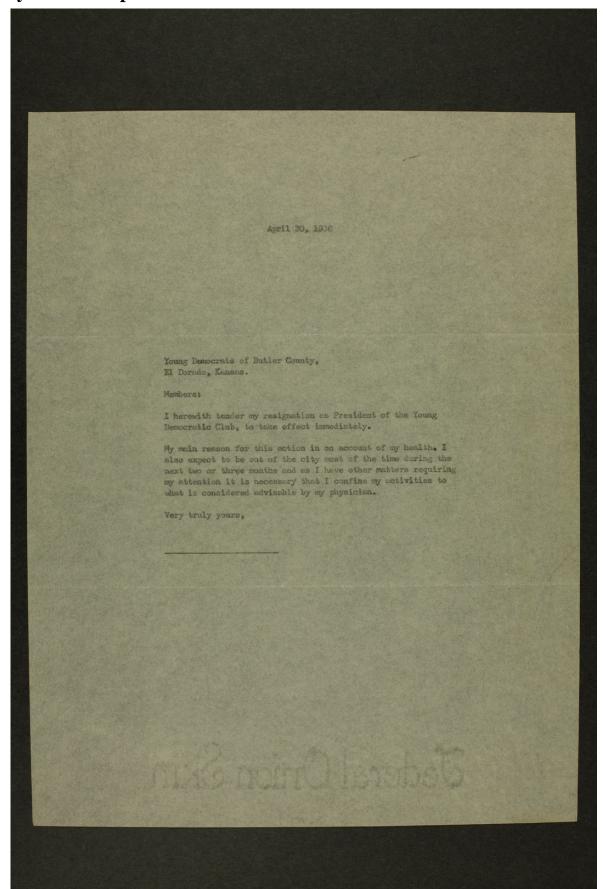
I have told you what I think of you. If I didn't think as I do, I certainly am not the man to say so. You have told me what you think of me. I am hopeful that you will get to know me better and change that opinion.

I am perfectly ready and willing to forget what has happened, and if you want the El Dorado Times to remain with us that is satisfactory to me under the circumstances. You have expressed regret for what has happened, I believe you mean it and I don't know what more you can do.

Sincerely, JRKaty

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May 1, 1936

PALMER HOUSE CHICAGO

The Editor Eldorado Times Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Editor:

 $\hbox{ It has been suggested to us that we communicate with you concerning the use of a limited amount of Republican } \\$ material, national in character, for possible use in your publication.

We are prepared to furnish in plate or mat form, according to your preference, three different services:

- Two columns of factual news material each week.
- A cartoon service incorporating selections from prominent cartoonists in the country, and additional subjects especially executed for us.
- A weekly feature article with a picture lay-out. (Mats only)

Enclosed are specimens of the several services available for distribution. Naturally, we should like to have this service in the hands of every editor who will use it, and we hope that you will find it possible to cooperate with us. There is, of course, no cost attached to this.

If you will simply indicate the service in which you are interested and your preference as to plates, mats, or copy, we will start releases immediately.

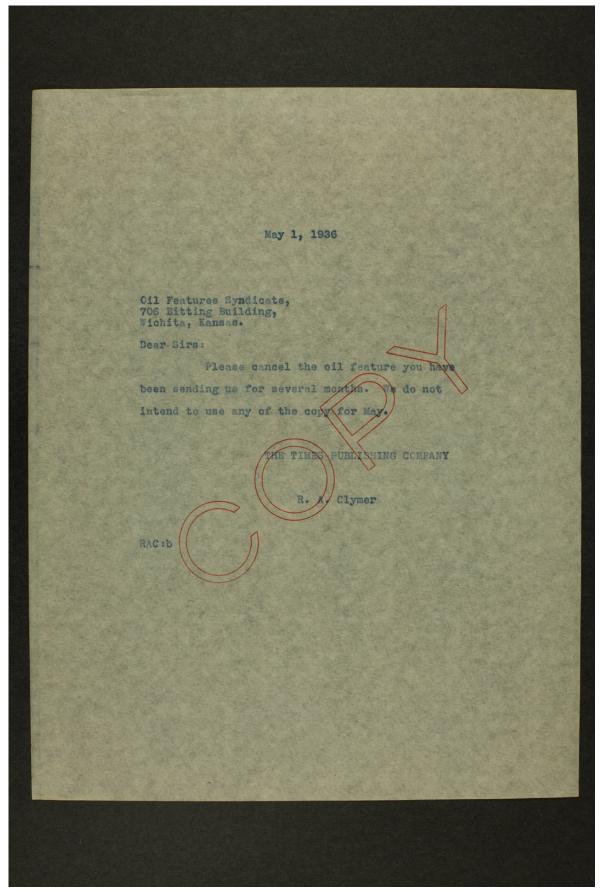
We felt that some of this material would fit your situation very nicely, and in consequence, we hope that you will be able to give us a favorable reply.

Yours very truly,

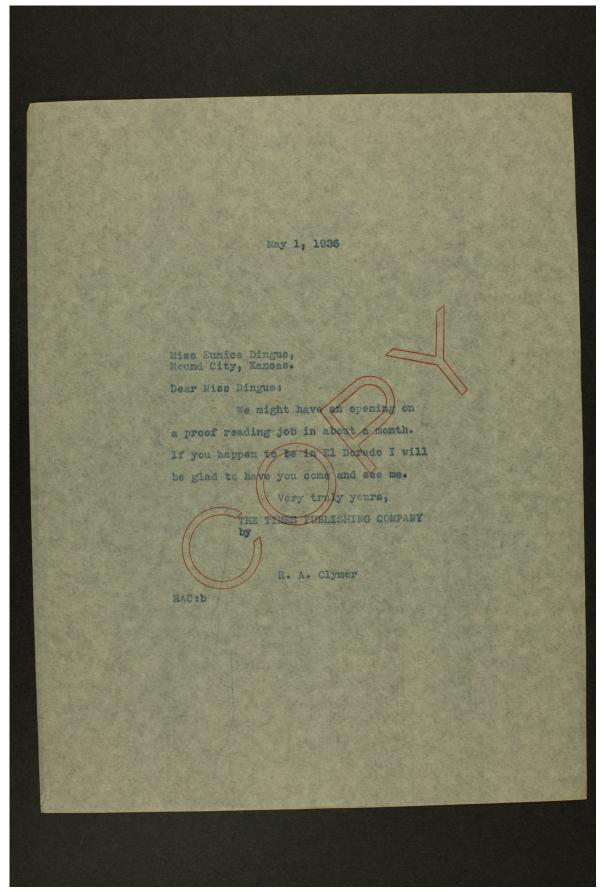
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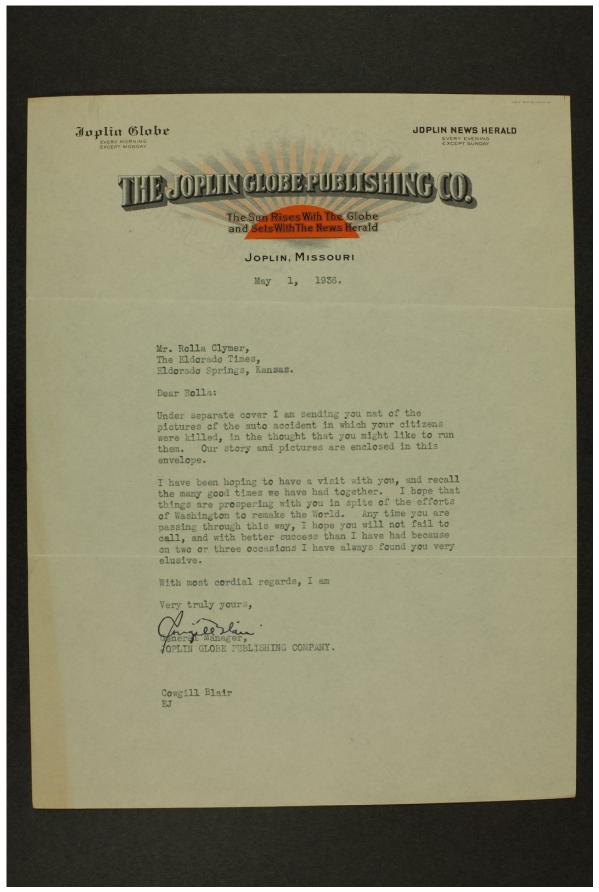




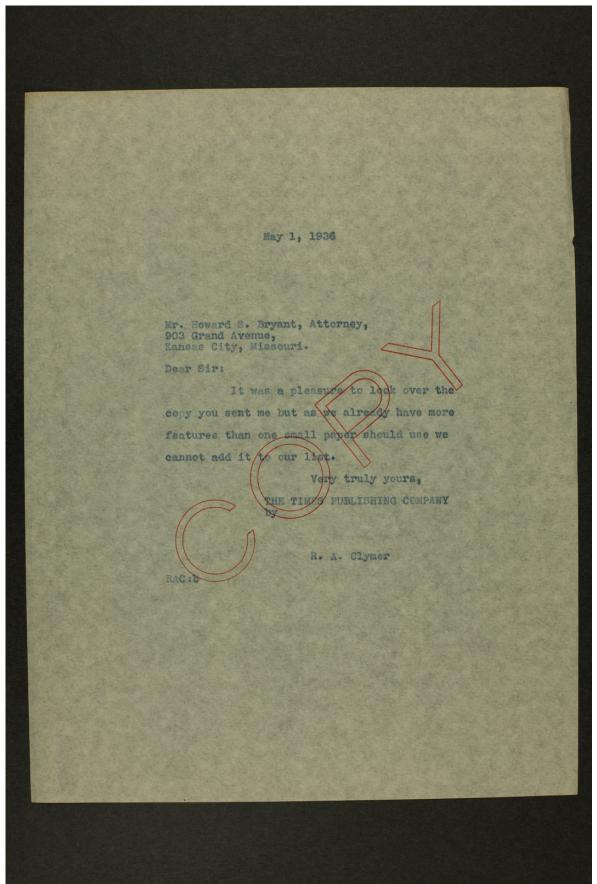




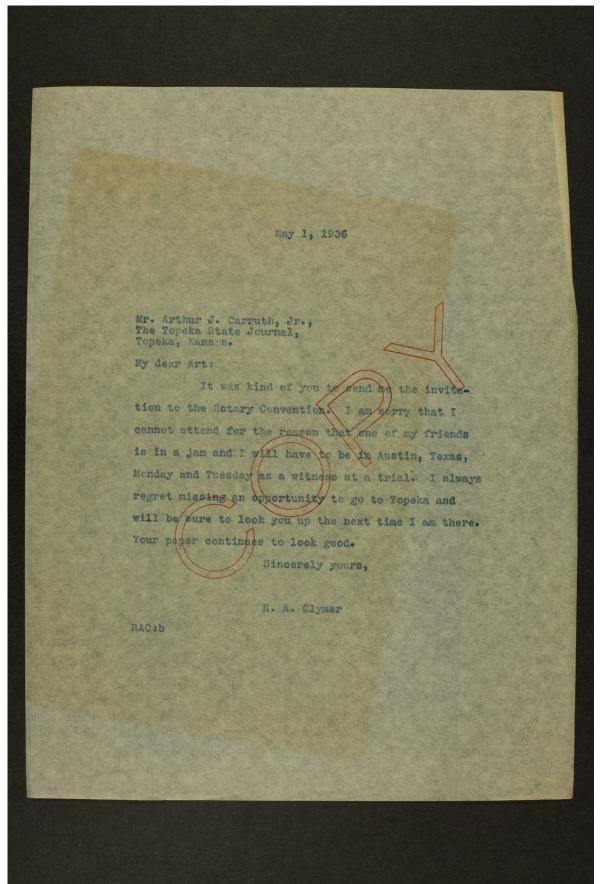














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831 Thurston Manhattan, Kansas May 2, 1936

Mr. R; A. Clymer Editor, The Eldorado Times Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. Clymer:

Congratulations!

You are about to hire the best reporter that ever emerged from a Kansas college. He is Wayne Scott, known to his friends as Scotty.

For the last four years Scotty has been attending classes (occasionally) and otherwise making a nuisance of himself at Kansas State college. He has absorbed all the education which that institution offers. Therefore he proposes to make a nuisance of himself in The Times' editorial room.

If necessary, in order to get a little cash, Scotty might consent to work occasionally. He can pound out any type of story you might want. He can read proof or copy. If he's in the right frame of mind, he can even write a few headlines. He's an expert at closing up the office for the day.

While Scotty detests formal letters of application, he has prepared a short biography of himself, including a list of references, etc. In case you wish to see it before hiring him, he will be glad to send it to you. If not, he can report any time after commencement, May 25.

Very truly yours,

Scotty Wayne Scott